Claim Amendments

1 – 29 (canceled)

30 (original): A method of defining rules for performing a guard patrol of one or more checkpoints, the method comprising the steps of:

(a)   assigning an identifier to a rule to be defined;

(b)   assigning a date range during which said rule is valid;

(c)   determining a schedule for when said rule must be followed; and

(d)   setting the number of required checkpoint visits for each location of said guard patrol.

31 (original): A method according to claim 30, wherein said date range of said step (b) is selected from the group consisting of the rule being valid indefinitely, the rule being invalid after a specified date and the rule being valid only between an assigned range of dates.

32 (original): A method according to claim 30, wherein said schedule of said step (c) is selected from the group consisting of specific days of each week, specific days of each month, and specific days of each year.

33 (original): A method according to claim 32, further including the step of determining a time range for each day during which said rule is effective.

34 (original): A method according to claim 30, further including the step of reporting an exception anytime a checkpoint is not patrolled pursuant to said defined rule.